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In re Application of :  
Marcus EH et al. : Confirmation No.: 3806  
Serial No.: 10/575,781 : Art Unit: 1617  
Filed: April 14, 2006 : Examiner: C. Brown  
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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

This is in response to the March 15, 2011 Office Action. In the Action, claims 1-7 and 15-27 are rejected. In view of the following comments, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

The Rejections

The claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,627,763 to Anderson et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,207,857 to Anderson et al., Australian Patent No. 71940/94 to Paget et al., WO 03/017952 to Schmenger et al. and its U.S. equivalent, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0098815, U.S. Patent No. 5,879,669 to Clausen et al., and U.S. Patent No. 5,895,780 to Tokosh et al.